



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the utility patent application of

HARDY et al.

Serial No. 10/654,788

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For DEPLOYABLE BAG FOR A VACUUM BOX

Request to Act upon a Petition for
Retroactive Foreign Filing License

To the attention of

Art Unit 1744
Special Petitions

Commissioner for Patents
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I certify that this correspondence is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as postage-prepaid first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Office address above on December 29, 2003 A.D.

Christopher John Rudy: Christopher John Rudy 12/29/2003.

Sir:

Thank you for the FILING RECEIPT for this application. Among other things, the FILING RECEIPT granted a foreign filing license as of November 25, 2003.

Please, however, act upon the Petition for Retroactive Foreign Filing License filed with the original application materials on September 4, 2003. The required fee of \$130.00 (Check No. 531) was also submitted with the original materials.

Note that in addition to that set forth in the petition, the FILING RECEIPT memorialized granting of a foreign filing license for this technology. This would further support the granting of a retroactive foreign filing license.

No deceptive intention was or is present.

Respectfully,

Dated: December 29, 2003 A.D.

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